

CALIFORNIA UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT UPDATE

California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission
2015 State Controller's Annual Fall Conference



What is CUPCCAA?

- ❖ The California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (Act) was established in 1983 under PCC §22000 et seq.
- ❖ The California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission (CUCCAC) was created by PCC §22010 to govern the Act.



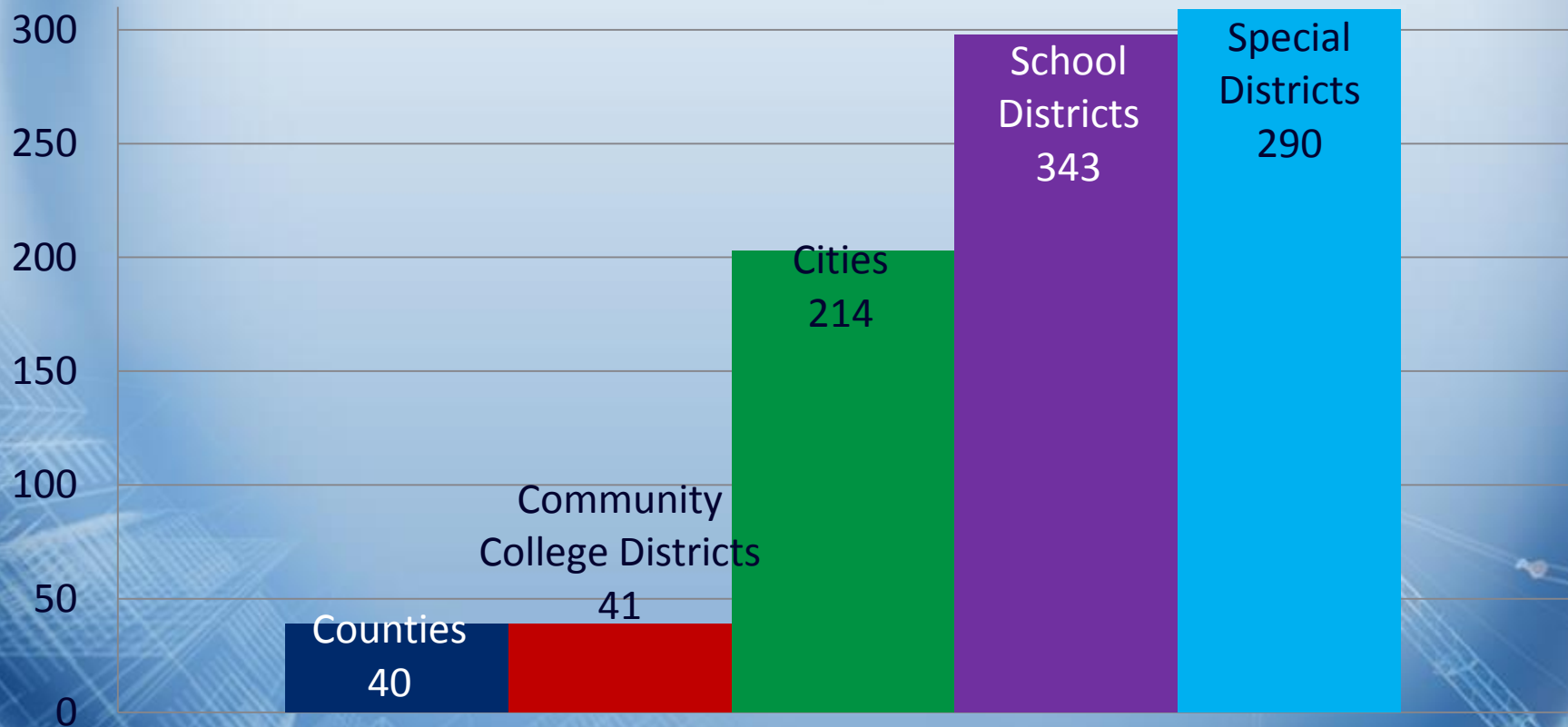
Who May Participate?

- ❖ Any local agency may opt into the Act
 - Cities
 - Counties
 - Community College Districts
 - School Districts
 - Special Districts
- ❖ Participation is voluntary



Participating Agencies

Total Participating
Member Agencies - 928



Benefits of the Act

Allows participating agencies to:

- ❖ Raise bidding thresholds
- ❖ Simplify bidding process for small projects
- ❖ Increase likelihood bids received from responsible contractors
- ❖ Perform larger projects with agency employees



No Bids Required

- ❖ Projects below \$45,000 may be performed by:
 - Agency's own workforce, by force account
 - Negotiated Contract
 - Purchase Order



Informal Bids

- ❖ Project value \$45,000 - \$175,000
- ❖ Competitive bids using informal bidding procedures
 - Bidders list
 - Trade journals and exchanges
- ❖ Award bids at staff level



Formal Bids

- ❖ Public projects greater than \$175,000
- ❖ Competitive bids following specific notice provision, unless otherwise allowed.



What Does CUCCAC Do?

- ❖ Ensures compliance with the Act
- ❖ Conducts cost accounting reviews
- ❖ Recommends force account limits and bidding thresholds to SCO
- ❖ Works with the legislature to update PCC



Who are the Commissioners?

CUCCAC is comprised of 14 commissioners:

- ❖ Thirteen appointed by the State Controller

- 7 represent public agencies

- Includes 1 County Auditor-Controller or his/her designee

- 6 represent trades and contractors

- ❖ One Commissioner appointed by the Contractor's State License Board

Who are the Commissioners?

Public Agency Representatives

George R. Hicks, Chair	Director of Public Works, City of Fairfield	Cities
Guiselle Carreon, Secretary	Commercial Warrants and Accounts Payable Manager, San Diego County Office of Education	School Districts (ADA <25,000)
Robert Campbell	Auditor-Controller, County of Contra Costa	County Auditor or Designee
Will Clemens	Public Works Department Administrator, County of San Luis Obispo	Counties
Lisa Ekers	Port Director, Santa Cruz Harbor	Special Districts
Steven L. Hartwig	Director of Public Works, City of Vacaville	Cities
Nathaniel Holt	Director of Purchasing and Contracts, Pomona Unified School District	School Districts (ADA >25,000)

Who are the Commissioners?

Trades and Contractor Representatives

Jeff Armstrong	Apprenticeship Director, Northern California Laborers' Union	Labor
Eddie Bernacchi	President, Politico Group	Subcontractors
Cesar Diaz	Legislative Director, State Building and Construction Trades Council	Labor
David McCosker	Chairman of the Board, Independent Construction Co.	General Contractors
David Cruce	Papich Construction	General Contractors
Mike Hester	McGuire & Hester	Subcontractors

Contractor's State License Board Appointee

Linda Clifford, Vice Chair	Chief Financial Officer, C.C. Myers, Inc.	CSLB Appointed
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How to Become a Participating Agency

- ❖ Governing Board passes a resolution
- ❖ District adopts a policy outlining informal bidding procedures
- ❖ Notify the State Controller's Office
- ❖ Follow the *Cost Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual* (in process of being updated with new legislative revisions approved 09/04/2015 by the Governor)

QUESTIONS?

For future reference please refer to:

❖ CUCCAC web page:

http://www.sco.ca.gov/ard_cuccac.html

- Cost Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual
- FAQs
- References and resources
- Past meeting minutes and reports
- Contact Commissioners and SCO

• Also – please refer to CIFAC web page: www.CIFAC.org